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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 1, 2001

APPLICATION OF

WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE000407

For approval of special
rates pursuant to Virginia
Code § 56-235.2

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION

On July 28, 2000, Washington Gas Light Company ("Washington Gas or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for approval of special rates pursuant to § 56-235.2 of the Code of Virginia. The Company proposed an Area Development Rate ("ADR") that would apply to all customers receiving natural gas service within a specified portion of the Company's service territory in Loudoun County.

Washington Gas stated in its application that the purpose of the proposed ADR is to provide the Company with a method to recover from customers in the ADR area the excess of the life cycle cost of facilities installed to provide natural gas service within the ADR area over the life cycle revenues for such service, other than by lump sum payment as provided under existing General Service Provision No. 14 of the Company's tariff.

On August 24, 2000, the Commission docketed Washington Gas' application, established a procedural schedule, and assigned a hearing examiner to conduct further proceedings in the matter. Hearings were convened at the Commission on November 8, 2000, and November 13, 2000. The hearing examiner issued his report on March 14, 2001. The Company and Commission Staff filed comments on the report on March 29, 2001.

On September 21, 2001, Washington Gas filed a Motion for Leave to Withdraw its Application. The Company cites a change in circumstances as the basis for its motion. Specifically, Washington Gas states that the pattern of development within the proposed ADR area has not evolved in the manner anticipated by the Company. In addition, Washington Gas states that real estate developers have responded more positively than anticipated by the Company to the payment of amounts required to offset the excess of life-cycle cost of facilities required to provide service over the life-cycle revenues generated from such service. Washington Gas states that the Commission Staff and the parties to the proceeding, Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative and Roanoke Gas Company, do not oppose withdrawal of the application.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of Washington Gas' motion, is of the opinion and finds that the motion should be

granted. The Commission makes no finding on the merits of Washington Gas' application.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Washington Gas' September 21, 2001 Motion for Leave to Withdraw its Application is granted.

(2) This matter is hereby dismissed without prejudice from the Commission's docket of active proceedings and the papers filed herein shall be placed in the Commission's file for ended causes.